## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

DUSTIN J. DIMMICK,

Plaintiffs.

MEMORANDUM DECISION & SECOND ORDER REQUIRING SERVICE OF PROCESS

v.

KRISTIE BOURDON et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:13-CV-794-RJS

District Judge Robert J. Shelby

The Court ordered service of this prisoner civil-rights complaint on the following defendants:

Kristie Bourdon, parole officer
Eric Peterson, Attorney General's Office
Clark Harms, Utah Board of Pardons (BOP) member
Angela Micklos, BOP member
Curtis Garner, BOP chairman
Jesse Gallegos, BOP member
Robert Yeates, BOP member
Manny Garcia, BOP attorney

However, the summonses were returned unexecuted as to each one, except Manny Garcia.

Contending that service was inappropriately attempted on their attorney in the Utah Attorney

General's Office, Defendants Bourdon, Harms, Micklos, Garner, Gallegos, and Yeates entered a

special appearance and now move to quash service of process. Good cause appearing, the Court

grants Defendants' motion to quash.

The Court again orders service of process on all the above-listed defendants, except

Manny Garcia. The Court Clerk shall issue summons to be served upon Defendants through
their agent at the Utah Department of Corrections. The United States Marshals Service (USMS)

is directed to serve a properly issued summons and a copy of Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, along with this Order, upon the above-listed State of Utah employees, minus Manny Garcia.

Once served, Defendants shall respond to the summons in one of the following ways:

- (A) If Defendants wish to assert the affirmative defense of Plaintiff's failure to exhaust administrative remedies in a grievance process, Defendants must,
  - (i) within 20 days of service, file an answer;
  - (ii) within 90 days of filing an answer, prepare and file a *Martinez* report limited to the exhaustion issue<sup>1</sup>: and.
  - (iii) within 120 days of filing an answer, file a separate summary judgment motion, with a supporting memorandum.
- (B) If Defendants choose to challenge the bare allegations of the Complaint, Defendants shall, within 20 days of service,
  - (i) file an answer; or
  - (ii) file a motion to dismiss based on Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6).
- (C) If Defendants choose not to rely on the defense of failure to exhaust and wish to pierce the allegations of the Complaint, Defendants must,

Under the *Martinez* procedure, the district judge or a United States magistrate [judge] to whom the matter has been referred will direct prison officials to respond in writing to the various allegations, supporting their response by affidavits and copies of internal disciplinary rules and reports. The purpose of the *Martinez* report is to ascertain whether there is a factual as well as a legal basis for the prisoner's claims. This, of course, will allow the court to dig beneath the conclusional allegations. These reports have proved useful to determine whether the case is so devoid of merit as to warrant dismissal without trial.

Id. at 1007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See <u>Martinez v. Aaron</u>, 570 F.2d 317 (10th Cir. 1978) (approving district court's practice of ordering prison administration to prepare report to be included in pleadings in cases when prisoner has filed suit alleging constitutional violation against institution officials).

In <u>Gee v. Estes</u>, 829 F.2d 1005 (10th Cir. 1987), the Tenth Circuit explained the nature and function of a *Martinez* report, saying:

- (i) file an answer, within 20 days of service;
- (ii) within 90 days of filing an answer, prepare and file a *Martinez* report addressing the substance of the complaint; and,
- (iii) within 120 days of filing an answer, file a separate summary judgment motion, with a supporting memorandum.
- (D) If Defendants wish to seek relief otherwise contemplated under the procedural rules (e.g., requesting an evidentiary hearing), Defendants must file an appropriate motion within 90 days of filing their answer.

The parties shall take note that new local rules governing civil cases are now in effect.

The Approved Amendments to the Local Rules and Updated Rules are posted on the Court's website. This Court will order the parties to refile summary-judgment motions which do not follow the standards.<sup>2</sup>

Plaintiff is notified that (s)he may, within 30 days of its filing, respond to a *Martinez* report if desired. Plaintiff is further notified that (s)he must, within 30 days of its filing, respond to a motion to dismiss or summary-judgment motion. Plaintiff is finally notified that, if Defendants move for summary judgment, Plaintiff cannot rest upon the mere allegations in the complaint. Instead, as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 56(e), to survive a motion for summary judgment Plaintiff must allege specific facts, admissible in evidence, showing that there is a genuine issue remaining for trial.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See D. Utah Civ. R. 5-2 (Filing Cases and Documents under Court Seal); *id.* 7-1 (Motions and Memoranda); *id.* 26-2 (Standard Protective Order and Stays of Depositions); *id.* 56-1 (Summary Judgment: Motions and Supporting Memoranda).

## **ORDER**

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- (1) The Court grants Defendants' motion to quash service of process.<sup>3</sup>
- (2) USMS shall serve a completed summons, a copy of the Amended Complaint, and a copy of this Order upon the above-listed defendants, except Manny Garcia.
- (3) Within 20 days of being served, Defendants must file an answer or motion to dismiss, as outlined above.
- (4) If filing a *Martinez* report, Defendants must do so within 90 days of filing their answer. Under this option, Defendants must then file a summary-judgment motion within 120 days of filing their answer.
- (5) If served with a *Martinez* report, Plaintiff may submit a response within 30 days of the report's filing date.
- (6) If served with a summary-judgment motion or motion to dismiss, Plaintiff must submit a response within 30 days of the motion's filing date.
  - (7) Summary-judgment motion deadline is 120 days from filing of answer.
- (8) If requesting relief otherwise contemplated under the procedural rules, Defendants must do so within 90 days of filing their answer.

DATED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERT J. SHELBY

United States District Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>(See Docket Entry # 46.)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>(See Docket Entry # 39.)